

PLANKS FROM PLATFORMS.

Closing Hours of Our Literary Organizations—Some Encouraging Observations.

Shiloh Baptist Lyceum closed last Sunday with a "love feast" all around. A good audience was present, and the enthusiasm was kept at a high pitch throughout. President L. H. Hershaw, fresh from his Atlanta junket, occupied his chair, and was given a rousing reception. The speaker of the day was Mr. R. W. Thompson, of THE COLORED AMERICAN. In a thirty-minute address he talked optimistically of the progress of the race in religious ethics, social customs, educational facilities, literature, politics, music, journalism and commerce—deploring, however, a tendency toward decadence politically, and bearing heavily upon the importance of greater activity in the world of business. He gathered these topics under the general head of "Some Observations," and was greeted frequently by applause. Mr. Hershaw gave an interesting account of his observations at Atlanta, and was pleased to see there such a hopeful outlook for the Negro in business and in the trades. Education, too, was enjoying a season of unusual prosperity. The music by the choir led by Prof. Simmons, was an enjoyable feature of the occasion, and his lively zeal inspired his young followers to do their best. Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Mr. Gilmore, Prof. Simmons and Mr. Samuel E. Lacy took part in the discussion of Mr. Thompson's address, all emphasizing the "business" phase of his "observations." President Hershaw's administration came in for "liberal meed" of praise at all hands, and he was given a vote of thanks. He will doubtless consent to continue another year.

At a recent meeting of the Second Baptist Lyceum there were elected as officers and delegates: Samuel E. Lacy, president; J. W. Pope, first vice-president; W. T. Menard, second vice-president; C. L. Marshall, third vice-president; Miss Mamie L. Boyd, recording secretary; Mrs. J. W. Pope, assistant recording secretary; Miss Almira Crutchfield, financial secretary; W. M. Wilson, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary Brown, treasurer; L. C. Moore, chaplain; R. W. Thompson and L. E. Lacy, delegates to the National Negro Business League, Richmond, Va.; Hon. George H. White and Prof. Jesse Lawson, delegates to National Afro-American Council, St. Paul, Minn.

The G. U. O. of O. F. Lyceum will close for the season. The Secretary, H. L. Livingston, will make his financial report of the receipts and expenditures of the Lyceum. The retiring president will deliver a short address. Music by Ebenezer M. E. Church choir. Then will be an election of officers. Collection will be given to the Day Nursery Sufferers of Truth Home and Home for Friendless Girls. Chairman of the Advisory Board Thomas H. Wright will preside.

The Masons of Alexandria, Va., with their families and friends, will join the Masons of the District of Columbia in celebrating St. John's Day at Notley Hall June 24.

Living Up at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Va.—(Special).—Mr. S. D. Pannell, general secretary and business manager of the United Waiters' Union, is making a tour of the State in the interest of the order. Mr. R. E. Stovell left for Narragansett Pier last night, stopping at Washington and New York en route. Messrs. M. Sheper and J. A. Winn were the hosts at a banquet given in honor of Mr. Stovell last Wednesday night. Among those present were: Messrs. R. N. Smith, H. C. Burrell, W. F. Berry, A. Gay, and Ford; Misses Goodrich, Wright and Mrs. Childs. Drs. Christian, Holliday and Lovrette have gone North to spend the summer. However, there are a host of doctors left us. Mr. M. Sheper spent Decoration Day at Staunton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Scott. Mr. R. N. Smith, the head waiter at

the Homestead, left for Atlantic City and other seashore resorts Tuesday night to spend his vacation.

The work being done by the members of the Excelsior Literary Society is of the very highest literary merit and deserves much praise. The music is also of the highest class. At the last meeting an organ voluntary, "The New Ben Hur March," by Robert F. Dickerson, of Staunton, deserves special mention. Mr. Dickerson bids fair to attain to eminence as a musician. His touch is delicate and his interpretation always fine. He is the arranger of several pieces of very beautiful music.

Vacations are very popular at the Homestead at present.

It continues cold here, yet the fashionable regalia is rapidly being discarded for the lighter spring coat.

THE MILITARY SURGEON.

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Among all medical officers who should be called before it, he being the first colored man who ever held such a position. While at San Luis he had medical charge of the Eighth Illinois, Twenty-third Kansas and several pack trains and signal corps. He increased the bed facilities of the hospital and aided materially in securing nutritious food for the men in his care. By strict watchfulness Dr. Wesley kept his sick roll down to 8 per cent., which among 1,300 new soldiers was a rare feat, and is indisputable evidence of his worth as a master of medical science. At the close of the war he returned to his practice at Chicago.

Dr. Wesley's paper, "The Spanish-American War as Seen by the Military Surgeon," is one of the clearest accounts of army operations and sanitary conditions that have found their way into print. It was highly praised by Surgeon-General Sterberg, and besides having a wide circulation as a pamphlet, it has been read (by request) before several associations of military surgeons, including the Illinois Association of Military Surgeons at Chicago, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States at the New York meeting in 1900. It stamped him as a careful and conscientious official and a keen observer of the things about him.

Dr. Wesley is a vitalizing force in the professional, social, and political life of Cook county, Illinois. He is respected by all and the splendid results accomplished by him, as shown in this fragmentary sketch, demonstrate that he has found the key that will in due season unlock for all our race the door to limitless possibilities.

The refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star and Courts on the Masonic excursion.

A GOOD WORK PLANNED.

"The Evangelist Society of Howard University" had been organized by the theological students of that institution. Its aim is to work in the isolated streets, courts and alleys of this city to better the moral and religious conditions of the classes of people found in those places. Rev. J. L. Jasper, president, and Rev. Albert Barton, vice-president, have charge of the organization, and have divided the work so as to cover the four divisions of the city, as follows: Rev. L. N. Ingram, northern division; Rev. B. J. Askew, eastern division; Rev. J. N. Beaman, western division; Rev. J. M. Banister, southern division. Such an organization has long been needed, and it should have the moral support of the community.

Rumor says that Bros. R. W. Tompkins, Dan Steward and George S. Newman will be one of the crews in the boat race June 24 at Notley Hall.

COLE AND JOHNSON IN MAINE.

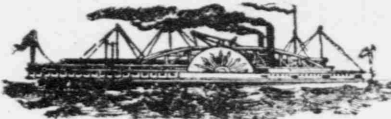
Bob Cole and J. Rosamond Johnson are sojourning beside the sparkling waters of Belgrade Lakes, Maine. They are with Anna Held's automobile party as entertainers. The great French chateau owns a large farm at this beautiful place, and personally conducts her guests from New York. Cole and Johnson have some great offerings for next season, which will be "sprung" at the proper time.

Don't miss a single issue of THE COLORED AMERICAN.

AMUSEMENT.

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7th Annual Excursion
.....OF THE.....
YOUNG MEN'S PROTECTIVE LEAGUE
To Notley Hall. Friday, June 20.



STEAMER RIVER QUEEN
3 trips, 9 30 a. m. 2 30 and 6 30 p. m.
Monumental Orchestra. 20 Pieces. Prof. Charles Hamilton, Leader.
FREE TICKETS TO CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS.
Each child under 12 years old, accompanied by their parents, will be given free tickets on the 9:30 boat only.
—COMMITTEE—
W. J. Iverson, Chairman. W. J. Singleton, Vice Chairman.
Daniel Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer.
W. B. Harris, O. R. Rogers, Wm Spillards, George Payne, H. R. Crowner, A. Woodson, W. Abrams, Adolph Smith, Milton E. Simms, J. S. Tucker, C. D. Sidney, John Simms, James H. Heary, T. Williams, Arthur F. Boston, J. Matthews, W. J. Thomas.
Tickets Round Trip 25 Cents. Children under 12 years, 15 Cents.
Tickets sold at wharf only.

Family Picnic at Lake View Park,

—ON THE GLEN ECHO ELECTRIC RAILROAD—

Monday, JUNE 16, '02

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Woman's Guild and Altar Society, assisted by representatives of the other Guilds of St. Mary's P. E. Chapel, Twenty-third Street, between G and H N. W. Music by the INVINCIBLE ORCHESTRA, Mr. Ambler, Director. Dinner and Refreshments will be served in the Park at Moderate Prices.

ADMISSION

CHILDREN'S TICKETS

25 CENTS

10 CENTS

The Grounds will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. All cars for Glen Echo and Cabin John's Bridge will stop at the Picnic Grounds, on the District Line.

Excelsior

Pleasure

Park.

Formerly known as MADRE'S PARK.]

Is open for engagements for picnics and out-door entertainments by Sunday Schools, Churches, Societies and reputable Clubs and individuals for the season of 1902. Run under entirely new auspices—the Excelsior Business Club. Offers the best facilities to car line, as the Berwyn line of cars will let passengers off at the gate of the Park; ONLY ONE FARE. Ample, covered Pavilion. Good water. Excellent grounds with swings and other improvements. For further information or engagements address, or call at the residence of,

Walter R. Franklin, President.

320 Elm Street N. W., City

Will see calls from 4 to 7 o'clock p. m.

MR. HARRIS EXPRESSES THANKS
Editor Colored American:

Having just recovered from an eight weeks' sickness, six of which were spent in this city, and the last two at Keswick, Va., where I went upon the advice of my physician, I take this, my first opportunity, to thank, through your columns, the many friends who called and in other ways extended to me courtesies in my hour of affliction.

J. HARRY HARRIS.

Washington, D. C., June 10, 1902.

The Excursion Committee of the Masonic excursion, of which Dr. J. P. Turner is chairman, will at 2 P. M., June 15, be on board the steamer River Queen.

WEST-WALDWIN.

Mrs. Charlotte T. Baldwin has issued cards announcing the wedding reception of her daughter, Rebekah, and Dr. Charles Ignatius West, Wednesday evening, June 25, from 8 until 10 o'clock P. M., at 924 M street northwest. Dr. and Mrs. West will be at home Wednesdays.

Past Senior Grand Warden John T. Layton has purchased ten tickets for the Masonic excursion June 24.

Watson's Park.

Washington's Great Pleasure Resort, located on Glen Echo Railroad, Md., now open for the season, and it is hoped that every person will pay one visit to the Park this season as there has been many improvements made for your enjoyment. All churches, social clubs and associations are invited to spend their outing this summer at Watson's Park. Special car can be chartered Direct for the Park and ordered back when wanted. Cars for every day service. Take Chevy Chase for the Park. Those driving take Conduit to Turners and turn to the right. For further information apply to A. D. WATSON, 2025 L Street, N. W.

Just Look!

The Berean Baptist Sunday School will give their first picnic of the season at

LAKE VIEW PARK

Friday June 20, '02.

Geo. W. Proctor, Chairman.